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SUBJ: ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE STATEMENT ON MACKENZIE

VALLEY GAS PIPELINE

1. S. R. BLAIR, PRESIDENT ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE COMPANY LTD (AGTL) ISSUED STATEMENT IN TORONTO AND CALGARY WEDNESDAY STATING AGTL EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO BE MEMBER OF CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS STUDY LTD (CAGSL), THE 26-COMPANY CONSORTIUM PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT DOLS 7 BILLION MACKENZIE VALLEY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.

2. HOWEVER AGTL URGES CONSIDERATION OF MAPLE LEAF PIPELINE AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO CAGSL PROPOSAL. THIS PROJECT WOULD BE 42-INCH PIPELINE FROM BEAUFORT BASIN TO CANADIAN MARKETS. IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DEPENDENT UPON ANY ASSURANCE OF ALASKA GAS, AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT RELY UPON U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO MANAGEMENT OR INVESTMENT IN ITS CONSTRUCTION.

3. CONJECTURE IN CALGARY IS THAT BLAIR IS DISSATISFIED

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WITH ROLE AGTL IS PLAYING IN CAGSL. HIS STATEMENT COULD

ALSO BE USED TO PROD U.S. AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO GREATER SUPPORT FOR CAGSL PROPOSAL, IN OPPOSITION TO EL PASO NATURAL GAS PROJECT, FOR DELIVERY OF GAS FROM ARCTIC AREA TO U.S. AND CANADIAN CONSUMERS.

4. BLAIR FORECASTS SHORTFALL IN NATURAL GAS BY 1979 AND STATES ONLY ARCTIC FRONTIER SOURCE CAN OFFER LARGE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY FAIRLY SOON. HE CONTENDS THAT IF LARGE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT CONTEMPLATED BY CAGSL IS NOT RPT NOT READILY ACCEPTABLE, POLITICALLY OR COMMERCIALY, THEN ATTENTION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON MAPLE LEAF PIPELINE PROJECT AS A MEANS OF GETTING BEAUFORT BASIN NATURAL GAS FAST TO CANADIAN CONSUMERS.

5. FULL TEXT BLAIR S PUBLIC STATEMENT BEING AIRPOUCHED TODAY.
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